

correspond to wire screen fraction P50, and that the noil constitutes 0.1 – 15 w-% of the paper pulp.

2. (Once Amended) Noil as defined in claim 1, characterised in that the noil fibrils substantially correspond to wire screen fraction P100.

3. (Once Amended) Noil as defined in claim 1, characterised in that the paper pulp contains pigment, the mass ratio of pigment to noil being 0.1 – 20.

4. (Once Amended) Noil as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1-3], characterised in that the noil has been produced by refining cellulose fibre to a Schopper-Riegler number [$>$] greater than 80.

5. (Once Amended) Noil as defined in claim 4, characterised in that cellulose fibre has been refined to a Schopper-Riegler number in the range 85 – 90.

A3 6. (Once Amended) Method for producing noil for use in paper manufacture, characterised in that cellulose fibre is refined so as to form noil fibrils that, in respect of size distribution, substantially correspond to wire screen fraction P50.

7. (Once Amended) Method as defined in claim 6, characterised in that the noil fibrils substantially correspond to wire screen fraction P100.

8. (Once Amended) Method as defined in claim 6, characterised in that the noil is produced by refining cellulose fibre to a Schopper-Riegler number greater than 80.

9. (Once Amended) Method as defined in claim 8, characterised in that cellulose fibre and/or mechanical pulp fibre is/are refined to a Schopper-Riegler number in the range 85 – 90.

10. (Once Amended) Paper pulp for use in paper manufacture, containing cellulose fibre and/or mechanical pulp fibre, and filler, characterised in that the paper pulp contains noil that has been produced from cellulose fibre by refining and consists of noil fibrils substantially corresponding in size distribution to wire screen fraction P50 and that the noil constitutes 0.1 – 15 w-% of the paper pulp.

11. (Once Amended) Paper pulp as defined in claim 10, characterised in that the noil fibrils [mainly] substantially correspond to wire screen fraction P100.

12. (Once Amended) Paper pulp as defined in claim 10, characterised in that the paper pulp contains pigment, the mass ratio of pigment to noil being 0.1 – 20.

13. (Once Amended) Paper pulp as defined in claim 10, characterised in that the noil has been produced by refining cellulose fibre to a Schopper-Riegler number greater than 80.

14. (Once Amended) Paper pulp as defined in claim 11, characterised in that cellulose fibre has been refined to a Schopper-Rielger number in the range 85 – 90.

15. (Once amended) Paper manufactured using noil as defined in claim 1.

16. (Once Amended) Paper manufactured using paper pulp as defined in claim

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Kindly add the following new claims.

17. (new) Noil as defined in claim 1, wherein the noil fibrils are in a non-gel form.